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ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA

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THEATRE  ROYAL  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.  
SECOND SUBSCRIPT  
SERIES,  
Commencing on  
SATURDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 1895.  
In deference to the wishes of a large  
number of Subscribers and the public generally,  
the Directors beg to announce that the following  
names have been exhibited for those who

"FAUST" BY GOUNOD.  
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are secured.

MAIL TABLES FOR 1883.  
PURCHASERS of "The CHRONICLE  
"DIRECTORY" can now have C  
Application.  
"DAILY PRESS" Office,  
January 31st, 1883.  
NOTICE.  
I have Authorized Mr. P

this date.  
 ARNHOLD, KARBURG  
 Shanghai, Hongkong, and Canton,  
 20th January, 1883.  


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 THE HONGKONG ICE COME  
 LIMITED.  
 NOTICE:  
 THE ORDINARY ANNUAL M

the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen  
Central, at 12 o'CLOCK Noon on the 5th  
DAY, 14th day of February, 1887, to  
Statement of the Accounts of the Company  
31st December, 1882, and the Report of the  
General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 14th  
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 For Freight or Passage, apply to  
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**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COM**  
**FOR SHANGHAI**  
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at the  
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHWANG  
HANKOW, and Ports on the YA  
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"PELAM,"  
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**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE**  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1883.

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FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ C  
THE Company's Steamship

**"ULYSSES."**

**TENDERS.**  
**TENDERS** for Lifting, and  
Inspection, the British  
"CARISBROOKE," now lying  
in 10 Fathoms of water at West Point

NOON TO-DAY, the 31st instant.  
 The Captain and Agents do not  
 selves to accept the lowest or any  
 BUN HIN CHANG  
 Agt.  
 Hongkong, 29th January, 1883.

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Siam and China, the new regulations for

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 31st, 1893.

In his speech at the Central School on Monday

the Administrator gave an indication

of the nature of the report of the Education

Commission. His Excellency said:—"The

report has been sent to the Secretary of

State for consideration, and has not yet

been made public. It is not unusual to make

it so until the Secretary of State's decision

or opinion is known." It is rather unfor-

tunate that the report has not been made avail-

able to the public here, the subject with which

it deals is one of the greatest interest to the

Colony, and we feel that any harm could

be done by its publication. It will be

remembered that the Secretary of State took

Sir John Pore-Hennessy to task in connection

with the publication of the report of the

Contagious Diseases Commission, but that,

if we mistake not, was because our worthy

Governor had had the report circulated

among his friends in England before a

copy reached the Secretary of State, who

was thus placed in the position

of being less well-informed than

individuals who had no official connection

with the subject with which the report dealt,

it might even have been considered open

to question whether it was desirable to make

the report and evidence generally public,

although that would not have been our own

opinion. In the case of the Education Com-

mission, however, we can conceive of no reason for secrecy or concealment. The publication of the report here after the Secretary of State's decision upon the question has been given will be practically useless and of comparatively little interest. The subject itself, that of education, is one which cannot be too much ventilated, and it is impossible to imagine what harm could be done by letting the ratapattans know the conclusion at which the Commission arrived after their protracted deliberations. That this is so is indicated by the fact that Mr. Mearns stated generally the effect of the

report in his speech; therefore why should we not have the report itself? As we have not got the report, however, we must be satisfied with the summary of it given by Mr. Mearns. The conclusions at which the Commissioners have arrived will commend themselves to the judgment of the ratapattans generally. The hostility which Sir John Pore-Hennessy displayed towards the Central School is well known. He disregarded the Secretary of State's instructions to proceed at once with the erection of the new building as urgently required for the institution, and to put on time, apparently, he appointed a Commission to inquire how far the Central School might be replaced by five smaller schools to be located in different parts of the city, and in connection with this scheme it was suggested that a Collegiate Institution should be established. The Commissioners have reported, we learn from Mr. Mearns's speech, in favour of the erection of a new Central School, the gradual rebuilding and improvement of five elementary schools already established, and the increase of the staff both of European and native teachers. The Central School is an institution which has stood the test of time and experience; the good it has done is well known; and it would have been a grave mistake to have wiped it out of existence in favour of the establishment of a Collegiate Institution, which would have entailed an enormous expense on the Colony and probably have been half as useful from a practical point of view as the existing establishment. It was, we believe, argued that the Collegiate Institution might be made self-supporting, but very few colleges in any part of the world are so; they are supported for the most part by endowments or Government grants, and the conditions existing in Hongkong certainly do not favour the view that a college or collegiate institution could be made to pay its own running expenses. What the Colony is primarily concerned with is the diffusion of sound elementary education, including especially the acquisition of the English language by Chinese boys. So far as higher education can be conveniently advanced, it is not the object of the educational policy of the Colony it will be a distinct advantage, but for the present it will be better to rely for this on the natural development of existing institutions rather than on the establishment of costly new ones. We note with pleasure the proposition of the Commission to improve the existing elementary schools. We should like to see these take the place to a very great extent, if not altogether, of the preparatory class in the Central School, so that the latter institution might devote itself more completely to the work of secondary education, taking in the subjects of higher education as time and circumstances permit. If this course be followed we may in time see the Central School develop into something of the nature of a college. Already there are several scholarships in connection with it. First there is the Morrison scholarship, for Chinese studies; then there are the Balfour scholarships, one for medicine and one for English; and lastly Mr. W. N. Bain has given a substantial sum for the foundation of an engineering scholarship. No doubt other scholarships will from time to time be presented to the school, and private munificence supplementing the Government vote in this way, the school will gradually take a higher position. Another point in the report is the proposed abolition of the Normal School. This institution was a mistake at its birth. Teachers will be much better trained in the Central School, where they will have an opportunity of gaining experience in the practical work of teaching, than in an institution like the present Normal School. The last point we wish to notice in the question of the site for the new Central School. A site was selected some eight or nine years ago and has been lying vacant ever since, the annual loss in interest to the Colony, on the cost of the land, at the time it was selected, this site was an excellent one, and had the school been built upon it there would have been no reason for suggesting that the school should be again removed; but it is no longer the advantageous site it was at that time, and seeing that operations have not yet been commenced on it there is no reason why a better one should not be selected if such can be found. The site in Hollywood-road has now been closely built around by Chinese houses, there are objectionable places in the neighbourhood, and altogether the locality is now hardly one that would be chosen by preference as the site for such an institution as the Central School. If a new goal is to be built, which appears to be settled, why not use the site of the present goal for the new Central School? From a hygienic point of view it is excellently adapted for the purpose, there is nothing objectionable in the neighbourhood, and it is sufficiently centrally situated. The bulk of the scholars come from the western part of the town of course, but the distance between the Hollywood-road site and the goal is not so great that it would make any very appreciable difference to the majority of the pupils, while it would be a slight advantage for those who reside in the eastern part of the town. In the event of its being decided that it should be a new goal is not needed, there is a site on Bonham Road opposite the German Foundling House that might perhaps be found suitable. The site now cleared and ready is very valuable and would realize a large sum if sold for building purposes.

A correspondent at Bangkok, writing on the 26th inst., states in a postscript that he had received intelligence of the death at Rangoon, on the 24th inst., of His Excellency Sir John Pore-Hennessy, the Governor of the Straits Settlements. The publication of the report here after the Secretary of State's decision upon the question has been given will be practically useless and of comparatively little interest. The subject itself, that of education, is one which cannot be too much ventilated, and it is impossible to imagine what harm could be done by letting the ratapattans know the conclusion at which the Commission arrived after their protracted deliberations. That this is so is indicated by the fact that Mr. Mearns stated generally the effect of the

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RESIGNATION OF M. DUCLOS.

MINISTRY.

The French Ministry has resigned.

LONDON, 29th January.

M. FERRY SUMMONED TO FORM

A CABINET.

The President of the French Republic has

summoned M. Ferry.

POLICE COURT.

30th January.

Before Mr. H. E. WOODHOUSE.

OPIUM CASE.

Ho Mun Hin, retail collector, was charged

with possession of prepared opium, without a

permit.

The defendant admitted the possession, but

stated that he bought the opium of a person

who held a permit. It turned out, however,

that only a small portion of the opium had been

obtained from the person in question, and the

defendant was fined \$50, or in default three

weeks' imprisonment.

AN OBSCURATIVE BOATMAN.

Ng Aken, boatman, was charged with ob-

scuring the public wharf at Yow Ma Teo on

the 30th inst.

A fine of \$50, or in default three weeks' im-

prisonment.

OYSTERING.

Francis Barrow, oysterman, was found lying in-

capaciously drunk in Market Street, on the 29th

inst., on the night of the 29th inst., and was

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